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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: AGREED LANGUAGE ON SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION IN PROGRAM OF ACTION

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1. WHEN ALTERNATE US LANGUAGE ON SEABED ARMS CONTROL
(PARA 2 REFTL) WAS PRESENTED TO PROGRAM OF ACTION
CONTACT GROUP, NON-ALIGNED LED BY MEXICO AND INDIA
OBJECTED TO THE FORMULATION SAYING THAT IT WAS A STEP
BACK FROM THE LANGUAGE ON THE ISSUE IN UNGA RES 32/87 A
WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS LAST FALL. FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS INDICATED THAT A SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO USE
THE LANGUAGE IN RES 32/87 A. THE FOLLOWING TEXT, BASED
ON THAT RES, WAS WORKED OUT IN THE CONTACT GROUP AND
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AGREED AD REFERENDUM. SINCE USG HAD APPROVED THIS
LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY, US DEL BELIEVES THIS TO BE AN
ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE. THE ONLY BRACKETS IN THE TEXT
ARE TECHNICAL BRACKETS AROUND "CCD" WHICH WILL DEPEND ON
THE OUTCOME OF THE MACHINERY ISSUE. BEGIN TEXT:

--7. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE PEACEFUL USE OF AND TO

AVOID AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR
AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, THE (CCD) IS REQUESTED--IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE
PROHIBITION OF THE EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON THE SEABED AND THE OCEAN
FLOOR AND IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THE PROPOSALS MADE DURING THE 1977 REVIEW CONFERENCE AND
ANY RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS--TO PROCEED
PROMPTLY WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER MEASURES IN
THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS
RACE IN THAT ENVIRONMENT. END TEXT.

2. WITH THE AGREEMENT ON SEABEDS, THE INDIAN DEL WITHDREW
THE BRACKETS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION PARAGRAPH
WHICH NOW ONLY HAS TECHNICAL BRACKETS AROUND "CCD".
BEGIN TEXT:

--8. THE (CCD) SHOULD KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE NEED FOR A
FURTHER PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE
OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO
ELIMINATE THE DANGERS TO MANKIND FROM SUCH USE. END TEXT.
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